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SUBJECT: ROK REACTION TO SHIINA'S VISIT TO SEOUL

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1. ROK MEDIA HAVE GIVEN MAJOR COVERAGE TO JAPANESE SPECIAL ENVOY SHIINA'S SEPT. 19 CALL ON PRESIDENT PARK. VERNACULAR PRESS AND TV, REPORTING STORY UNDER LEAD "JAPAN APOLOGIZES," HAVE EMPHASIZED JAPANESE EXPRESSION OF REGRET OVER AUGUST 15 INCIDENT AND JAPANESE PROMISE TO PREVENT FURTHER TERRORIST ACTS AGAINST ROK BY CHOSEN SOREN AND OTHER ELEMENTS IN JAPAN. ENGLISH LANGUAGE PRESS HAS ACCORDED SAME COVERAGE WITHOUT EMPHASIZING WORD APOLOGY.

2. PRESS REPORTS THAT CONTENTS OF TANAKA LETTER AND OF SHIINA'S ONE HOUR FIFTY MINUTE DISCUSSION WITH PRESIDENT ARE NOT KNOWN. HOWEVER, CITING DIPLOMATIC SOURCES, PRESS PROMINENTLY REPORTS THAT JAPANESE POSITION CONVEYED BY SHIINA CONTAINED FOLLOWING FIVE ELEMENTS:

(A) REGRET OVER DEATH OF FIRST LADY

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(B) DUE RESPONSIBILITY FOR AUGUST 15 INCIDENT AND

ASSERTION THAT INCIDENT WAS REGRETTABLE

(C) FULL COOPERATION IN INVESTIGATION INTO THE  
INCIDENT AND PUNISHMENT OF OFFENDERS

(D) PREVENTION OF ANTI-ROK TERRORISM BY CHOSEN  
SOREN OR SIMILAR GROUPS AND

(E) PREVENTION OF RECURRENCE OF INCIDENT LIKE  
AUGUST 15 INCIDENT.

3. EDITORIALS HAVE WELCOMED THE RESTORATION OF NORMAL  
ROK-JAPAN RELATIONS BUT CAUTION THAT ROK WILL BE WATCHING  
CLOSELY TO SEE THAT JAPAN LIVES UP TO ITS PROMISES.  
PRESS CALLS CONTROL OF CHOSEN SOREN ACTIVITIES A  
"NECESSITY" IN PREVENTING RECURRENCE OF TRAGEDY SUCH  
AS AUGUST 15 INCIDENT. WHILE ALL PAPERS EXPRESS  
HOPE ROK-JAPAN RELATIONS WILL CONTINUE TO IMPROVE,  
HANKUK ILBO SUGGESTS ROK SHOULD FIND OTHER  
ECONOMIC PARTNERS IN ORDER TO LESSEN RELIANCE ON JAPAN.

4. FRONT PAGE AD IN SEPTEMBER 20 CHOSUN ILBO SPONSORED  
BY "PAN-NATIONAL COUNCIL TO DETERMINE TRUTH ABOUT THE  
AUGUST 15 INCIDENT," WELCOMES RESOLUTION OF IMMEDIATE  
CRISIS BUT WARNS STRONGLY THAT KOREAN PEOPLE WILL  
"RISE UP AND STRUGGLE" IF JAPAN FAILS TO CARRY OUT  
ITS COMMITMENT.  
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